

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been canceled.

New claims 2-11 are submitted for prosecution. Claims 2-11 are patterned after claims 2-4, 10, and 15-17 of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,663,669, but add an additional element of a tibia prosthesis sized and configured to articulate with the ankle replacement prosthesis.

Claims 2-11 remain pending in the application.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment and allowance of claims 2-11 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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